

SUITABLE MEDALS OF AWARDS TO EXHIBITORS OF INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION AT CHICAGO, ILL.

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state of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. HAUGEN, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the
following

REPORT

[To accompany H. J. Res. 348]

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. J. Res. 348) authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to award suitable medals to exhibitors winning first and championship prizes at the International Livestock Exposition of Chicago, Ill., held in December, 1924, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass.

Last session this committee reported, and the House passed, H. J. Res. 239, authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to purchase and distribute suitable medals to be awarded to exhibitors winning first and championship prizes at the twenty-fifth anniversary show of the International Livestock Exposition of Chicago. This resolution limited the cost of the medals to \$1,000. A copy of the resolution is printed as follows:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture be, and is hereby, authorized to purchase suitable medals to be distributed by him to exhibitors showing champions and first-prize winners at the twenty-fifth anniversary show of the International Livestock Exposition to be held at Chicago, Illinois, in the month of December, 1924. And the sum of \$1,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated for carrying out the purposes of this act

The appropriation act of 1925 carried the following proviso:

Provided further, That of the above appropriation not more than \$1,000 shall be used for the purpose of furnishing medals to be distributed by the Secretary of Agriculture to exhibitors showing champion and first-prize winners at the International Livestock Exposition to be held at Chicago, Illinois, in December, 1924, with the view of stimulating livestock production along purebred lines and to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of this great international exposition;

The President on January 30, 1925, transmitted to Congress a deficiency estimate of the appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924 (Document 592), which contained the following:

The act of June 5, 1924, referred to above, provided that of the amount appropriated for investigations and experiments in animal husbandry not more than \$1,000 should be used for the purpose mentioned. After careful consideration by the Department of Agriculture and the Commission of Fine Arts, it was decided that medals which would do justice to the exposition and the United States Government should be furnished. A satisfactory design for both sides of the medal has been secured. The amount authorized, \$1,000, is not sufficient to supply the proposed medals. The figures on which this supplemental estimate was based are as follows:

Artist's fee for design of medal, two sides.....	\$1,000
Dies.....	115
85 gold medals, at \$14 each.....	1,190
200 silver medals, at \$1.45 each.....	290
675 bronze medals, at 50 cents each.....	337
Engraving 960 medals, at 3½ cents a letter.....	2,016
Total.....	4,948

The International Livestock Exposition was held at Chicago in December, 1924, and in lieu of the medals certificates were presented to prize winners, who were also assured that medals would be furnished at a later date.

Dr. J. R. Mohler, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, appeared before the committee and stated that in accordance with the Executive order dated July 28, 1921, No. 3524, that a medal selected by the department was submitted to the Commission of Fine Arts and failed to meet its approval. The commission submits an estimate which, in its opinion, will cover satisfactorily the designing, manufacturing, and engraving of the required number of medals, which could not be purchased for the appropriation authorized, and explained that certificates in lieu of the medals had been issued to the winners of prizes pending determination of the matter.

The committee recommends that the resolution reported herewith be passed, which will authorize an increased appropriation as to provide a suitable medal.

